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1. REF (2) REPORTS THAT ALAN HARQREAVES HEAD OF THE TUC INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HE SEES AS A GERMAN EFFORT TO DOMINATE THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND FEARS THAT THE DGB IS TRYING TO DELAY THE SECOND (EAST-WEST) EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE FOR SIX MONTHS BEYOND JANUARY 197

2. WALTER BOEHM OF THE DGB LIAISON OFFICE IN BONN RECENTLY TOLD THE ASST LABATT THAT THE DGB WAS AWARE THAT ITS OFFICIALS OCCUPY AN EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER OF HIGH POSTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS HOWEVER HE DEFENDED THE EXTENSIVE ROLE PLAYED BY DGB LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS WTH THE ARQU- MENT THAT SINCE THE AFL-CIO IS NOT IN THE ETUC THE DGB, AS THE STRONGEST NON-COMMUNIST TRADE UNION FEDERATION

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IN WESTERN EUROPE HAD TO ASSUME MANY RESPONSIBILITIES

IN THE INTEREST OF FREE TRADE UNIONISM. AS AN EXAMPLE,
HE SAID THAT DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ O. VETTER
NEVER INTENDED TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE ETUC BUT
ACCEPTED THE OFFICE RATHER THAN SEE IT OCCUPIED BY SOME-
ONE WITH LEFTIST VIEWS.

3. BOEHM SAID THAT THE DGB HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION
ON WHEN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION
CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD.

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